

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1258

BY SCHROEDER

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY; AMENDING TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 7, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO STATE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE STRATEGIC PLAN TASK FORCE, TO PROVIDE TASK FORCE AUTHORITY AND DUTIES, TO REQUIRE THAT THE TASK FORCE PREPARE A REPORT AND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE; AND PROVIDING A SUNSET DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Title 39, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chapter 7, Title 39, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE STRATEGIC PLAN TASK FORCE

39-701. SHORT TITLE. This chapter shall be known and cited as the "Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan Task Force."

39-702. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (1) The legislature finds:
(a) Every seventy-one (71) seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease;
(b) One (1) out of eight (8) persons of sixty-five (65) years of age or older in the United States has Alzheimer's disease;
(c) Alzheimer's disease is the seventh leading cause of death of Idahoans according to the eastern Idaho public health district;
(d) Forty-one percent (41%) of the over twelve thousand (12,000) Idahoans living in nursing homes have moderate to severe dementia;
(e) Some twenty-six thousand (26,000) Idahoans will be living and dying with Alzheimer's disease in 2010;
(f) With an aging population in Idaho, the incidence of Alzheimer's disease in this state is expected to increase; and
(g) Of all the conditions that threaten public health, dementia may have the broadest impact, affecting the minds, bodies and souls of those afflicted and their primary caregivers.
(2) The purpose of the Idaho Alzheimer's disease strategic plan task force is to:
(a) Examine the public health impact and the financial, emotional and care burden of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias on persons with Alzheimer's disease and on state government;
(b) Review state policies and practices concerning Alzheimer's disease;

1 (c) Assess current and expected future demand for industries, services
2 and resources addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease,
3 their families and their caregivers;

4 (d) Develop, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, a state
5 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias strategic plan; and

6 (e) Make best practice recommendations to address and mobilize state
7 and community responses to Alzheimer's disease.

8 (3) Funding for this task force will come from a partnership between the
9 state of Idaho and stakeholder organizations.

10 39-703. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE STRATEGIC PLAN TASK FORCE. (1) There
11 is hereby created in the office of the governor the Alzheimer's disease
12 strategic plan task force.

13 (2) The task force shall include the following members:

14 (a) Two (2) members of the Idaho senate appointed by the president pro
15 tempore of the senate;

16 (b) Two (2) members of the Idaho house of representatives appointed by
17 the speaker of the house of representatives;

18 (c) Two (2) representatives of the Idaho department of health and
19 welfare appointed by the director of the department of health and
20 welfare with one (1) being from the department's division of behavioral
21 health and one (1) being from the department's division of medicaid;

22 (d) One (1) representative appointed by the mental health providers
23 association of Idaho;

24 (e) One (1) representative appointed by the Alzheimer's association;

25 (f) One (1) representative appointed by the AARP Idaho;

26 (g) One (1) representative appointed by the Idaho health care
27 association;

28 (h) One (1) representative from and representing the Idaho public
29 health districts, appointed by the director of the department of health
30 and welfare;

31 (i) One (1) representative who is an expert in Alzheimer's disease
32 and other dementias appointed by the national association of social
33 workers, Idaho chapter;

34 (j) One (1) representative appointed by the national association of
35 social workers, Idaho chapter;

36 (k) One (1) representative who is a member of the Idaho bar association
37 appointed by the national academy of elder law attorneys;

38 (l) One (1) administrative staff member of a skilled nursing facility
39 or an assisted living facility in Idaho that specializes in dementia
40 care and that is recognized by the Idaho health care association as
41 providing the highest standards of care, appointed by the Idaho health
42 care association;

43 (m) One (1) representative from the Idaho commission on aging's elderly
44 ombudsman program, appointed by the director of the Idaho commission on
45 aging;

46 (n) One (1) representative from an Idaho agency on aging
47 community-based elder services program, appointed by the director of
48 the Idaho commission on aging;

(o) One (1) representative from and appointed by the Idaho end-of-life coalition;

(p) One (1) representative from and appointed by the Boise state university center for the study of aging;

(q) One (1) representative appointed by the Idaho residential supported living association; and

(r) Three (3) individuals representing the community appointed by the governor with one (1) being a person with Alzheimer's disease, one (1) being a family member of a person with Alzheimer's disease and one (1) being a caregiver to a person with Alzheimer's disease.

The task force may select additional persons who represent the needs and concerns of individuals living and dying with Alzheimer's disease and those who care for them to serve as members of the task force.

(3) Those responsible for appointing task force members shall make their appointments on or before September 1, 2010. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the person or entity responsible for the member's appointment.

(4) The task force shall hold its first meeting on or before October 1, 2010, and shall meet at least quarterly thereafter until the duties assigned pursuant to section 39-704, Idaho Code, are completed, or by June 30, 2012, whichever occurs first. At its first meeting the task force shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members.

(5) Except for the legislative and department members, members of the task force shall serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses.

39-704. TASK FORCE AUTHORITY AND DUTIES -- REPORT. (1) The Idaho Alzheimer's disease strategic plan task force shall:

(a) Adopt rules of procedure it deems necessary to facilitate the orderly conduct of its business;

(b) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease on the residents of this state;

(c) Solicit and gather information necessary for review and discussion by the task force, including written and oral input from individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease, the general public and any relevant source;

(d) Review the availability of existing industries, services and resources addressing the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, their families and their caregivers;

(e) Establish subcommittees and working groups to identify state public policy actions needed to address Alzheimer's disease and other dementia issues and to assist in the development of the report;

(f) Consider recommendations developed in other states and the national Alzheimer's study group report;

(g) Identify cultural and linguistic factors that impact persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias;

(h) Seek citizen and stakeholder input through oral, written or electronic surveys, expert consultation and other information resources; and

1 (i) Consider relevant issues related to Alzheimer's disease that are
2 identified by the task force.

3 (2) Submit the Idaho Alzheimer's disease strategic plan report to the
4 governor, the legislature and the public by the first day of October 2012,
5 which shall address the following:

6 (a) Trends in the state's Alzheimer's disease population and needs,
7 including:

8 (i) The changing size and nature of the population with dementia;

9 (ii) The state's role in long-term care, family caregiver support
10 and assistance to persons with early stage and early onset of
11 Alzheimer's disease;

12 (iii) The state's policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's
13 disease and developmental disabilities;

14 (b) Existing services, resources and capacity, including, but not
15 limited to:

16 (i) The type, cost, quality, reimbursement rate, availability
17 of and access to dementia specific services, including adult day
18 programs;

19 (ii) Minimum training requirements for dementia specific care
20 and residents with specialized needs;

21 (iii) Quality care measures for residential care facilities;

22 (iv) The capacity of public safety and law enforcement agencies
23 to respond to individuals with Alzheimer's disease;

24 (v) The availability of home and community-based resources
25 and services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and the
26 availability of respite care to assist families;

27 (vi) An inventory, cost, payment options and quality assessment
28 of available dementia specific care in Idaho;

29 (vii) Identification of the adequacy, appropriateness and
30 best practice-based geriatric and psychiatric services and
31 interventions;

32 (viii) Assisted living and residential options, including
33 excellence in dementia care models and person-centered care
34 systems for persons living and dying with dementia; and

35 (ix) State support of Alzheimer's disease research through
36 the state institutions of higher education and through other
37 resources;

38 (c) Evidence and research-based best practice strategies developed by
39 dementia care specialists, organizations and other state dementia care
40 strategic plans to implement quality person-centered care approaches
41 and to help reduce the overwhelming costs of dementia care for Idaho
42 citizens and government; and

43 (d) Necessary state policies or responses, including:

44 (i) Directions for the provision of clear and coordinated
45 services and support to individuals and families living with
46 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and

47 (ii) Strategies to address and resolve any identified gaps in
48 services for Alzheimer's disease patients and their families and
49 caregivers.

1 The task force shall thereafter review its report biennially to monitor the
2 implementation and progress of the strategic plan and to make additional
3 recommendations to the governor, the legislature and the public regarding
4 the matters set forth in the report.

5 (3) The task force shall not participate in information gathering,
6 discussions or decisions relating to the care of individual Alzheimer's
7 disease patients.

8 39-705. SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE. The office of the governor shall
9 provide office space and clerical support for the Alzheimer's disease
10 strategic plan task force. Private individuals and groups are encouraged to
11 make contributions to the task force in support of its efforts.

12 SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall be null, void
13 and of no force and effect on and after July 1, 2013.